

A FINE WEAVER TRIP.

R. M. S. Empress of India Reaches Port After a Pleasant Voyage From Yokohama.

Stories of Piracy and Other News Gathered From the Oriental Press.

The Empress of India, on her thirty-ninth homeward voyage, arrived in quarantine at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. She had a very fine run across the Pacific. Few passengers were aboard, the list of saloon travellers including only 13 names, probably the smallest number on board in the year just closing.

By mail advices brought by the Empress it is learned that China has agreed to take steps to re-arm her army. The Viceroy Tan of Canton has received notice of the decision of the Chinese government at Peking to purchase from the Russo-Chinese Bank 600,000 stand of rifles.

There seems to be a most unpleasant amount of piracy in a small way going on in Chinese waters, according to the papers brought by the Empress from Japan. It is not long ago that the Hongkong Daily News published an account of an attack on the Tungking, a launch commanded by a Chinese captain.

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THE ATHABASCA.

Eight Thousand Dollar Brick From a Twenty-Eight Day Clean Up.

Mr. E. Nelson Fell, superintendent of the Athabasca mine, came into town on Tuesday, bringing with him a gold brick of most respectable dimensions, representing the haul derived from a 28 day run of the mine.

Although the mill had run 28 days last month the first eight days the work had been extremely slow, and many a stream which was supplied by Fraser & Chalmers, Chicago, was new to the men. The mill had been crashing one day, due to the difficulty and expense of sorting the ore, a good deal of country rock had been in the mill, and the ore itself averaged about \$20 a ton, of which about 85 per cent. was saved on the mill.

Fell considered that there was fully enough ore in sight to keep the stamp dropping for at least six months to come. A most encouraging feature of the time was the way the ore retained its value with depth. At the 220-foot level, the values were as good as on the surface. There are two veins on the property, both free milling, one of which

is being developed by a shaft and the other by a tunnel. The vein varies from eight inches to eighteen in width.—Rossland Miner, Dec. 10.

HOSPITAL DIRECTORS.

Discuss the Proposition to Erect a Cottage for Insane Cases.

President Wilson occupied the chair at the December meeting of the board of directors of the Jubilee hospital, there being also present Directors Hobson, Braden, Shotbolt, Hanna, Hayward, Lewis, Davies and Dwyer.

An invitation from Mrs. Hassel, secretary of the committee in charge of the Children's Carnival, for the president and members to attend, was accepted with thanks.

In his monthly report the resident medical officer stated that the daily average number of patients at the hospital during November was 40.5, the days stay was 1,262, and the cost per patient \$13.85 per diem.

On the occasion of the annual meeting of the local council of women, Mrs. James Baker, having taken up her residence in England—Vice-President Mrs. Hobson filled the chair, all her associates being present and twenty-six delegates.

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Put Out By a Little Thing. What looks to be a speck on the ocean's horizon may prove to be the largest vessel afloat. So with the little disease whose dangerous aspect you laugh to scorn, its present proportions are not very fearsome. Let it once get a foothold in your system and its size will increase like an on-coming train. A man's promising career has ended, and many a stream of life's flame has been put out by such a little thing. That attack of Sleeplessness, Loss of Appetite, Biliousness, Indigestion, Sick Headache, Constipation, and any of the many common ills may become serious diseases. Stamp them out of your system and prevent their return by the daily use of Abbey's Effervescent Salt.

FORTY-SIX GOLDEN. British's Preamble Avoids Discussion of Foreigners. A Word to Those Who Govern the Key to London, Dec. 15.—Salisbury, the premier, in reply to the toast home affairs, the premier in reply to the toast home affairs, the premier in reply to the toast home affairs.

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